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CDVA INVITES THE PUBLIC TO THE LANCASTER AND VENTURA VETERANS HOMES GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES

The California Department of Veterans Affairs, in partnership with the local communities of Lancaster and Ventura, announces the long-awaited groundbreaking ceremonies for the Lancaster and Ventura Veterans Homes.

"We at the California Department of Veterans Affairs are very happy to be hosting these groundbreaking ceremonies with our partners in the communities of Lancaster and Ventura," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Tom Johnson. "Our close working relationships with local elected officials and veterans groups have also contributed to bringing us to this milestone of fulfilling the dream of so many veterans."

The dates, times, locations, and participants for the Lancaster and Ventura groundbreaking ceremonies are as follows:

LANCASTER

Tuesday, June 12, 2007
9:00 A.M.
3101 West Avenue I
Lancaster, CA

PARTIAL LIST OF PARTICIPANTS:

- Tom Johnson, Secretary, California Department of Veterans Affairs
- Bishop Henry W. Hearn, Mayor, City of Lancaster
- Col. David E. Miller, Vice Commander, Air Force Flight Test Center, Edwards AFB
- Steve Knight, Councilman, City of Palmdale
- Mrs. Gail Knight
- James C. Ledford, Mayor, City of Palmdale
- Charles Dorman, Director, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System
- Ralph Tillman, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System
- Robert "Stambo" Stambovsky, U.S. Marine

VENTURA

Wednesday, June 13, 2007
9:00A.M.
10900 Telephone Road
Ventura, CA

PARTIAL LIST OF PARTICIPANTS:

- Roger Brautigan, Undersecretary, California Department of Veterans Affairs
- Jack O'Connell, Superintendent of Public Instruction
- John Flynn, Supervisor, County of Ventura
- James L. Monahan, Councilman, City of Ventura
- Captain Brad Conner, Commander Naval Base Ventura County
- Charles Dorman, Director, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System
- Ralph Tillman, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System
- George Compton, Ventura County

- Corps Air Reserve, Ret.
- Assembly woman Sharon Runner
- Senator George Runner

- Veterans Service Officer
- LeRoy Andrews
- Julie Tumamait and Raudell "Mokey" Banuelos, Saticoy Chumash

Also present at these groundbreaking ceremonies will be representatives from the California Legislature, veterans service organizations, and staff members from the United States and California Departments of Veterans Affairs.

The Lancaster and Ventura Veterans Homes, together with the West Los Angeles Veterans Home form the Greater Los Angeles Ventura Counties (GLAVC) Project. The total cost for constructing these three veterans homes is approximately \$299.6 million. The United States Department of Veterans Affairs' contribution to construct all three Southern California veterans homes is about \$179.8 million and California's contribution estimated at \$119.8 million.

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